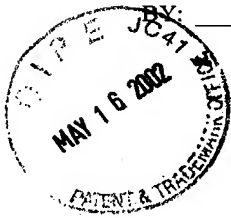


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**PATENT  
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In Re:	Patent Application of Elizabeth E. Powell et al.	: Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned : : :
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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of the application referenced above on the merits, please amend the application as follows.

**In the Drawings:**

Please delete Figure 1 as filed, and substitute the enclosed Figure 1 in place thereof.

**REMARKS**

This Second Preliminary Amendment is being filed simply to replace the drawing sheet that was originally filed with the application with a replacement drawing sheet that is believed to be in conformity with the relevant drawing rules. The drawing was not altered in any substantive way, and replacing the drawing sheet therefore does not add new matter to the application.

An early and favorable office action on the merits is requested at the earliest possible time.

Respectfully submitted,

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